

October 14, 2015

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Re:

Lower Willamette River, Portland Harbor Superfund Site

USEPA Docket No: CERCLA-10-2001-0240 **Monthly Progress Report for September 2015** 

Dear Ms. Koch:

This monthly status report provides information required by the Portland Harbor Superfund Site Administrative Settlement and Administrative Order on Consent (ASOC).

#### 1. ACTIONS TAKEN IN SEPTEMBER 2015

None.

#### Deliverables Approved by EPA

None.

#### **Deliverables Submitted to EPA and Other Actions**

- On September 1, 2015, the LWG provided EPA documentation regarding the agreement to utilize the phrases "municipal" and "non-municipal" when referring to stormwater outfalls in the Remedial Investigation (RI). The email also proposed a process by which EPA presents all its questions on the RI at one time to improve the efficiency of the process.
- On September 8, 2015, the LWG provided EPA a list of the information that the LWG needs to enable review of EPA's Revised Feasibility Study (FS) Sections 3 and 4.
- On September 8, 2015, the LWG provided EPA a list of significant issues with EPA's Revised FS Sections 3 and 4.
- On September 9, 2015, the LWG provided EPA copies of EPA's recovery curves, which were inadvertently omitted from the August 8, 2015 deliverable of the LWG list of significant issues with EPA's Revised FS Sections 3 and 4.
- On September 11, 2015, an LWG and EPA senior managers conference call was held.
- On September 17, 2015, a Portland Harbor executives meeting was held.
- On September 17, 2015, the LWG requested a status update from EPA regarding the LWG's September 8, 2015 information requests.



- On September 24, 2015, at EPA's request, the LWG provided a prioritization of the LWG's September 8, 2015 information requests. The LWG reiterated that all of the information included in the September 8, 2015 information requests is critical.
- On September 24, 2015, the LWG offered to schedule a meeting with the LWG, EPA, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and USACE modeling experts to discuss the model.

## Comments/Documents Provided by EPA

- On September 1, 2015, EPA responded to the LWG recommendation for EPA to combine all RI
  questions into one deliverable. EPA declined and will continue to send questions to the LWG as
  they arise.
- On September 17, 2015, EPA requested the code and input files for the contaminant transport model.
- On September 17, 2015, EPA requested that the LWG narrow the scope of information included in the LWG's September 8, 2015 information requests or prioritize the information for EPA to provide first.
- On September 18, 2015, EPA provided a Portland Harbor project update by email, indicating the list of key issues EPA intends to raise with the National Remedy Review Board (NRRB). This email update supplanted EPA's presentation of a conceptual remedy.
- On September 30, 2015, EPA requested that the LWG narrow the September 24, 2015 list of issues to discuss with EPA before the NRRB meeting.

#### 2. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED, ANTICIPATED DELAYS, AND SOLUTIONS

None.

#### 3. RESULTS OF SAMPLING, TESTS, AND OTHER DATA RECEIVED

None.

#### 4. SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS

The LWG project team will continue to coordinate with the EPA Remedial Project Managers to finalize the RI report and assist EPA as requested in the review and revision of EPA's Draft Final FS.

Submittal dates for pending documents currently under preparation by the LWG and scheduled for submittal in upcoming months are listed in Table 1: Status of Active LWG Deliverables—Portland Harbor RI/FS. This table includes pending and recently submitted deliverables for which EPA comments or approvals are required. Table 2: Status of LWG Deliverables—Portland Harbor RI/FS reflects the more complete list of LWG submittals and is equivalent to the former Table 1 provided in previous progress reports.

#### 5. DOCUMENTS AND ISSUES AWAITING EPA RESPONSE

EPA comments or approvals have not been received on a number of documents that have been submitted to EPA as required by the ASOC; these submittals are listed in Tables 1 and 2. The LWG requests that EPA provide document approvals for these submittals to verify that the terms of the ASOC are being met



and issues are resolved to maintain progress on the RI/FS. Also, the LWG believes that many of the documents listed as future submittals in Table 2 are no longer needed (see Status/Comments column) and requests that EPA review the list and confirm that these documents are, indeed, not needed.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (503) 972-5014.

Sincerely,

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LWG Administrative Project Coordinator

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# Table 1. Status of Active LWG Deliverables - Portland Harbor RI/FS.

Deliverable <sup>1</sup>	Submittal Deadline <sup>2</sup>	Status/Comments	EPA Comments Target Date
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#### Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> Bolded Deliverables are primary deliverables per Section XIX, Paragraph 4 of ASOC (EPA 2001a). Unbolded Deliverables are secondary deliverables per Section XIX, Paragraph 5 of ASOC. *Italicized Deliverables* do not have stipulated penalty amounts.
- <sup>2</sup> Listed Submittal Deadlines are for draft documents. Unless otherwise specified, all final documents are due to EPA 30 days following receipt of comments from EPA.

Deliverable completed and approved by EPA.

Deliverable submitted to EPA and its partners.

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Table 2. Status of LWG Deliverables - Portland Harbor RI/FS.

Deliverable <sup>1</sup>	Submittal Deadline <sup>2</sup>	Status/Comments	EPA Comments Target Date
Round 1		,	
Compilation of Information for Sources Between RM 11 and 11.6 East Bank of Portland Harbor	November 2007	Submitted to EPA and DEQ 11/21/2007. Need written response from DEQ and EPA that upland sources are under investigation consistent with the Road to the ROD.	
Round 2 Biota	11/22/2005	6 1 14 111/22/2005	12/0/2005
Revised Round 2 QAPP Addendum 6: Sampling of Benthic Invertebrate Tissue	11/23/2005	Submitted 11/23/2005; approved with conditions on 12/6/2005; a final QAPP addendum is required	12/8/2005
Final Round 2 QAPP Addendum 6: Sampling of Benthic Invertebrate Tissue	TBD	On 2/9/2006, the LWG submitted a response to EPA's comments on the 11/23/2005 version of the QAPP addendum. The LWG has not heard back from EPA on that response. The LWG believes that a final QAPP in not required. Need EPA agreement that this final QAPP is not required.	
Hydro/Sed Modeling			
Phase 2 Hydrodynamic Re- calibration Report	May 2009	Submitted 5/7/2009; EPA comments received 7/22/2009	
<b>Groundwater Pathway</b>			
Draft Round 2 Groundwater Pathway Assessment Sampling and Analysis Plan	4/22/2005	Submitted 4/22/2005; EPA comments received 6/3/2005	
Round 2 Groundwater Pathway Assessment Sampling and Analysis Plan - Response to EPA Comments	TBD	Outstanding issues to be addressed in GW Appendix to Draft RI Report.	
Revised Round 2 Groundwater Pathway Assessment Sampling and Analysis Plan (including Appendix A - Site Summaries and Appendix B - Pilot Study Data Report)	TBD	Outstanding issues to be addressed in GW Appendix to Draft RI Report.	
Round 2 FSP for Sampling of Shoreline Seeps at Human Use Beaches	4/29/2005	Submitted 4/29/2005; EPA comments received 6/10/2005	



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Revised Round 2 FSP for Sampling of Shoreline Seeps at Human Use Beaches	No longer needed	The only seep determined to pose a potentially complete exposure pathway is discharge from Outfall 22B. The existing data from Outfall 22B include the upland COIs and meet the data quality requirements for risk evaluation (Category 1/QA2). Based on the Round 2 Report evaluations, no additional seep data are needed. Therefore, this FSP is no longer needed.	
Revised Round 2 Groundwater Pathway Assessment SAP Attachment 2: Transition Zone Water FSP	3/27/2006	Redline version submitted 3/27/2006; EPA needs to provide final approval of this FSP. This revised FSP was prepared and submitted after the associated field work was completed.	4/28/2006
Revised Round 2 Groundwater Pathway Assessment SAP Attachment 3: Supplement to QAPP Addendum 3	10/7/2005	Submitted 10/7/2005: Conditional approval of proposed changes to the QAPP addendum received from EPA on 9/30/2005. EPA needs to provide final approval of this QAPP. Approval to conduct sampling was provided by EPA on 9/30/2005.	
Revised Transition-Zone Water FSP Addendum 1 Sampling Plans for ExxonMobil, Siltronic, Gasco, and Arkema	3/27/2006	Submitted 3/27/2006. EPA needs to provide final approval of this FSP.  Approval to conduct sampling was provided by EPA on 9/30/2005. This revised FSP was prepared and submitted after the associated field work was completed.	
Revised Transition-Zone Water FSP Addendum 2	3/27/2006	Submitted 3/27/2006. EPA needs to provide final approval of this FSP. Approval to conduct sampling was provided by EPA on 10/13/2005. This revised FSP was prepared and submitted after the associated field work was completed.	
Natural Attenuation			
Step 2 Natural Attenuation	No longer		
Evaluation Report	needed		
Tech Memos Revised TRV Selection TM	10/23/2004	Submitted; EPA comments received 3/18/2005. On 6/10/2005, EPA directed the LWG to submit the final TRV Selection TM with the PRE. The final TRV Selection TM was submitted as an appendix to the 9/9/2005 PRE.	



	Submittal		<b>EPA Comments</b>
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Second Revision Preliminary Risk Evaluation Approach TM	1/7/2005	Submitted; EPA comments received 3/4/2005. On 6/10/2005, EPA directed the LWG to submit the final PRE approach TM with the PRE. The final PRE Approach was submitted as an appendix to the 9/9/2005 PRE.	
Comprehensive ERA	6/27/2004	Submitted; EPA comments received	
Approach TM		10/1/2004	
Revised Comprehensive ERA Approach TM	TBD	In a 1/11/2006 meeting with EPA, the LWG proposed deleting this deliverable. The LWG has not heard back from EPA on this proposal. Need EPA agreement that this deliverable is no longer needed.	
Process for Derivation of PRGs TM	1/20/2005	Submitted; EPA comments received 6/30/2006; a revised tech memo is not required.	3/21/2005
Draft Approach to Determining Background for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site	3/3/2006	Submitted 3/3/2006; EPA comments received 6/5/2006; revised tech memo required.	5/2/2006
Revised Approach to Determining Background for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site	7/20/2006	The revised approach to determining background for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site will be provided in the Draft RI Report	
Process for Delineating the Extent of Contamination Upstream and Downstream of the ISA		The approach for Delineating the Extent of Contamination Upstream and Downstream of the ISA will be provided in the Draft RI Report	
COPC Selection Interim Deliverable	~1/23/2006	In a 1/11/2006 meeting with EPA, the LWG proposed deleting this deliverable. The LWG has not heard back from EPA on this proposal. Need EPA agreement that this deliverable is no longer needed.	
ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSI	ESSMENT		
Ecological Preliminary Risk Evaluation (PRE)	9/9/2005	Submitted 9/9/2005; EPA comments received 4/28/2006, a revised PRE is not required	11/8/2005
Round 2 Benthic Assessment Interpretation Report	3/17/2006	Submitted 3/17/2006; EPA comments received 7/6/2006	5/16/2006
Food Web Modeling Report: Evaluating Trophic Trace and the Arnot and Gobas Models for Application to the Portland Harbor Superfund Site	11/4/2005	Submitted 11/4/2005; EPA comments received 3/10/2006	1/3/2006



Deliverable <sup>1</sup>	Submittal Deadline <sup>2</sup>	Status/Comments	EPA Comments Target Date
Revised Ecological Water Screening Levels	5/26/2006	Submitted 5/25/2006; directive EPA comments received 9/15/2006, and a correction to the xylene AWQC on 9/27/06. Additional revisions were submitted on 10/13/2006.	7/9/2006
Feasibility Study			
Literature Survey of Treatability Studies	October 2007	Submitted 10/31/2007. EPA comments received 2/15/08. A revised deliverable is not required, EPA comments indicated that they should be addressed in the FS.	Jan-08
Round 3B (FS) Side-scan Sonar Data Report	September 2008	Submitted 5/18/2009	
Treatment Technologies Screening Table	Early May 2009	Submitted 6/5/2009; EPA comments received 7/9/2009	7/6/2009
Screening of Disposal Facilities for the Feasibility Study Memorandum	Mid May 2009	Submitted 6/18/2009; EPA comments received 7/10/2009	7/2/2009
Early Preliminary Remediation Goals (PRGs)	Late March 2009	Submitted 3/27/2009	
Benthic Toxicity AOPCs Check In Materials	September 2010	Submitted 9/07/2010	
Treatment Technology Evaluation Tools Memo	-	Submitted 03/15/2011; EPA comments received 4/27/2011	
Draft Mitigation Determination Approach for Use in the FS Tools Memo	-	Submitted 03/15/2011; EPA comments received 4/27/2011	
Draft Feasibility Study Costing Approach Tools Memo	-	Submitted 03/15/2011; EPA comments received 4/27/2011	
Draft Identification of "COCs" and Contaminant Mobility Evaluation Criteria For the Draft FS Tools Memo	-	Submitted 03/16/2011; EPA comments received 4/27/2011	
Dredging Water Quality Evaluation Tools Memo	-	Submitted 03/31/2011; EPA comments received 4/27/2011	
Alternatives Screening Materials		Submitted 04/06/2011	
Draft FS Key Elements Presentation	-	Submitted Materials 06/06/2011 Presentation 06/21 and 06/22/2011	
EPA Directed Draft Feasibility Study (FS) Key Work Product	01/15/2012	Submitted 01/16/2012	NA



	Submittal		<b>EPA Comments</b>
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Derivation of Final		Submitted 8/01/2014	9/1/2014
Manganese PRG to Replace		EPA comments received 10/23/2014	
the Suter and Tsao (1996)		Revised version submitted to EPA	
Tier II Value in the Portland		10/29/2014	
Harbor Feasibility Study		EPA comments received 11/04/2014	
Memo		Revised version submitted to EPA	
		11/05/2014	
		Final memo submitted 11/12/2014	
		EPA approval received 7/07/2015	
Draft Feasibility Study	03/20/2012	Submitted 03/20/2012	6/29/2012
(FS) - Electronic Version		EPA draft FS Section 1 received 07/08/14	
For Early EPA Team		EPA Draft Final FS Section 1 and	
Review		Appendix A received on 12/18/14	
		EPA draft FS Section 2 received 2/23/15	
		EPA revised draft FS Section 1 and 2	
		received 6/2/15	
		EPA revised draft FS Section 2 and draft	
		Section 3 received 7/29/15	
		EPA draft FS Section 4 received 8/18/2015	
Draft Feasibility Study	03/30/2012	Submitted 03/30/2012	6/29/2012
(FS) - Formal Publically		EPA initial comments received 12/18/2012.	
Accessible Submittal		EPA draft FS Section 1 received 07/08/14	
		EPA Draft Final FS Section 1 and Appendix A received on 12/18/14	
		EPA draft FS Section 2 received 2/23/15	
		EPA revised draft FS Section 1 and 2 received	
		6/2/15	
		EPA revised draft FS Section 2 and draft	
		Section 3 received 7/29/15	
Consul Elaboratoria	D	EPA draft FS Section 4 received 8/18/2015	Extraction of the Control of the Con
General Field/Data/RI			
Validated Analytical Results	90 days		
	following completion		
	of each		
	sampling		
	activity		
Comprehensive Round 2		Submitted 2/21/2007. EPA comments on	
Site Characterization	2/21/2007	Sections 1-9 and Appendices A, B, C, D,	
Summary and Data Gaps		F, and G received 1/15/08; comments on	
Analysis Report		Section 10 received 3/20/08; comments on	
		Section 11 received 5/16/08; comments on	
		Appendix E received 8/8/08. This	
		document was never intended to be revised	
		or approved by EPA; comments will be	
		addressed in the Draft RI Report.	



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Draft Sediment Mobility Testing Data Report	August 2009	Submitted 8/11/2009	EPA comments not anticipated
Draft Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment Report	Early September 2009	Submitted 9/2/2009 Preliminary EPA comments received 12/23/09. EPA comments received 07/16/2010. EPA benthic approach comments received 09/27/2010.	11/2/2009
Draft Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment Report	Late September 2009	Submitted 9/23/2009 Preliminary EPA comments received 12/23/09. EPA comments received 07/16/2010.	11/23/2009
Draft Remedial Investigation Report	Late October 2009	Submitted 10/27/2009 EPA comments received 07/16/2010	12/27/2009
Benthic Toxicity Reanalysis Technical Memorandum	Mid November 2009	Submitted 11/13/2009 EPA benthic approach comments received 09/27/2010.	01/13/2009
Supporting Electronic Information for Draft Benthic BERA	November 2009	Submitted 11/19/2009	01/19/2010
Draft Final BHHRA	5/2/2011	Submitted 05/02/2011; EPA comments received 06/22/2012. EPA dispute decision received 12/07/12.	7/2/2011
Draft Final BERA	7/5/2011	Submitted 07/01/2011; EPA comments received 07/10/2012. EPA comments received on 12/21/2012. EPA comments received on 01/11/2013	9/1/2011
Human Health and Ecological Risk Management Recommendations	July 2011	Submitted 07/22/2011	9/22/2011



	Submittal		<b>EPA Comments</b>
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Draft Final Remedial Investigation Report	8/29/2011	Submitted 08/29/2011; EPA comments received on Section 1 and 2, Appendices A and H 11/30/2012 EPA comments received on Section 3 02/21/2013 EPA comments received on Section 4 03/19/2013 EPA comments received on Section 8 04/19/2013 EPA comments received on Section 9 8/16/2013 Revised Redline of EPA comments received on Section 9 9/26/2013 EPA comments received on Section 7 11/05/2013 Additional EPA comments received on Section 7 12/19/2013 EPA comments received on Section 6 05/07/2014 EPA comments received on Section 5 6/11/14 EPA comments received on Section 10 and 11 7/10/2014 EPA comments received on the Executive Summary 01/13/2015 EPA comments and direction to produce draft final RI received 4/27/15 LWG submitted electronic version of Draft Final RI 06/12/15	10/29/2011
Final BHHRA	3/28/2013	Submitted: 02/11/2013 EPA comments received 02/15/2013 EPA conditional approval received on 02/26/2013. Final BHHRA posted and hardcopy submitted 03/25/13. EPA provided final approval of the BHHRA on 04/03/13 Final BHHRA errata posted 04/12/13.	4/8/2013



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Final BERA	4/1/2013	Submitted: 04/01/2013; EPA comments received 06/07/13; Revised draft submitted to EPA 06/14/13 EPA comments received 06/26/13 EPA comments received 09/26/13 Further revised draft submitted to EPA 10/10/13 Further revised draft submitted to EPA 12/16/13 EPA provided final approval of the BERA with the exception of Attachment 1 Part B Communication Log on 12/20/13	4/15/2013
STORMWATER			
Stormwater Loading Check- in Materials	2/1/2009	Submitted 2/18/2009; EPA comments received 5/6/2009	
Revised Stormwater Loading Calculation Methods	April 2010	Submitted 04/30/2010; EPA comments received 08/17/2010	6/30/2010
Final Stormwater Loading Calculation Methods		Submitted 01/31/2011: EPA comments received 03/02/2011	3/31/2011
Calculation Methods		Revised Report Submitted 04/15/2011	
SEDIMENT			
Round 3B Field Sampling Plan: Sediment Sampling and Benthic Toxicity Testing		Submitted 5/4/2007; EPA comments received 7/25/07. Superseded by the 11/5/2007 R3B Comprehensive Sediment & Bioassay Testing FSP.	
Upriver and Multnomah Channel Sediment Evaluation and Field Sampling Plan Technical Approach		Submitted 5/25/2007; EPA comments received 10/11/07. Superseded by the 11/5/2007 R3B Comprehensive Sediment & Bioassay Testing FSP.	
Draft Round 3B Surface and Core Sediment FSP Preliminary Technical Memorandum		Submitted 5/25/2007; EPA comments received 8/9/07. Superseded by the 11/5/2007 R3B Comprehensive Sediment & Bioassay Testing FSP.	
Draft Round 3B Erosion Core Sediment FSP Technical Memorandum	August 2007	Submitted 8/29/07; EPA comments received 10/11/07. Superseded by the 11/5/2007 R3B Comprehensive Sediment & Bioassay Testing FSP.	
Round 3B QAPP Addendum 10 for Sediment Sampling	November 2007	Submitted 12/17/2007. Need EPA approval of this QAPP Addendum.	
Round 3 Sediment Trap Deployment Field Report		Submitted 06/30/2011	



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Draft Chemical Fate & Transport Model Development and Data Gaps Identification Report	July 2007	Submitted 7/20/2007; EPA comments received 10/15/07. LWG response to comments submitted 1/8/2008.	
F&T Surface Sediment FSP  - Addendum to 3B Sediment FSP	December 2007	Submitted 12/10/2007; EPA comments received 1/2/08. 1/16/08 LWG agreed with EPA not to perform the sampling. Need EPA agreement that this deliverable is no longer needed.	
Draft Bioaccumulation Modeling Report		Submitted 7/27/2009	
CULTURAL RESOURCES			
Draft Cultural Resource Survey Report	12/16/2005	Submitted 12/16/2005	2/14/2006; EPA comments not time- critical at this point in the project
BIOLOGICAL ASSESSME	NT		
Preliminary Draft Site-Wide Biological Assessment - Electronic Version For Early EPA Team Review	3/30/2012	Submitted 03/20/2012	6/29/2012
Preliminary Draft Site-Wide Biological Assessment - Formal Publically Accessible Submittal	3/30/2012	Submitted 03/30/2012	6/29/2012

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